

BOROUGH OF NEW FLORENCE MINUTES JULY 28, 2026

President Jason Beatty, called the regular meeting of the New Florence Borough Council to order on July 28, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Borough Building.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jason Beatty, President
Todd Hepner, V.P.
Ed Craft
Gwen Dellett
Mark Dellett, Mayor

Scott Fuller
Toby McIlwain, Solicitor - Absent
Chuck O'Shell
Jeff Rager
Cheryl Priest, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT

No report.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Marsh gave the June Police Report. St. Clair Township: One (1) Criminal Mischief, one (1) theft, one (1) terroristic threat, and one (1) harassment call all are still under investigation. One (1) hit and run investigation which resulted in a DUI arrest as well as various vehicle code violations. There was a reported fraud which was referred to the USPS.

New Florence Borough had one (1) report of harassment which is still under investigation. Also there was a child line received which turned out to be unfounded. Also there was a child line received which turned out to be unfounded.

Seward Borough had two (2) harassment calls which are under investigation.

One (1) disorderly conduct arrest. One (1) reportable vehicle crash resulting in the driver being cited for vehicle turning left.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Todd Hepner made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular Meeting of June 16, 2026, as written. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeff Rager made a motion to accept June 16, 2026, Treasurer's Report as written. Gwen Dellett seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING, GROUNDS, & EQUIPMENT – Todd Hepner, Chair. Scott Fuller, second.

The Senior Center generator is on hold until the Pittsburgh Foundation re-issues the money.

Al Thomas purchased some attachments for the weed trimmer.

Jason Beatty led a discussion on the Senior Center water damage issue. The insurance company is handling this matter.

STREETS AND DRAINS – Chuck O'Shell, Chair, Jeff Rager, Second

Jeff Rager and Chuck O'Shell are still waiting for bids on the catch basin project along with several other streets in New Florence that need paving. Jeff Rager discussed the estimate documents for the 2026 paving project.

Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise the bid package in the newspaper. Chuck O'Shell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Gwen Dellett, Chair, Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

LANDBANK – Ed Craft, Chair; Todd Hepner, Second
No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Dellett had some concerned people about an individual walking around town doing solicitation regarding solar panels.

ORDINANCE OFFICER REPORT – Ed Craft

Ed Craft sent out six (6) letters and received one (1) green card back regarding the properties which are in violations.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Jason Beatty discussed the Sidewalk Ordinance with council before voting to approve.

Ed Craft made a motion to accept Ordinance 2 of 2026. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Jason Beatty led a discussion on the inundated solicitation in New Florence. Council will issue solicitation permits.

Jeff Rager made a motion to advertise the Solicitation Ordinance 3 of 2026. Ed Craft seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding New Florence Borough hiring a new auditor to perform annual audits.

Jason Beatty mentioned receiving the 2027 CDBG Block Grant Application, which was mailed to EADS Engineering.

Jason Beatty made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Seward Area Patriots' Day Block Party Planning Committee. Todd Hepner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

Todd Hepner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Fuller seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.